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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to voice my opinion on the Microsoft Anti Trust case. It is time that this case be ended. Upholding the current settlement is the right thing to do. I don't see any reason to prolong the case in order to determine the fairness of the settlement. After all this time and so many taxpayer dollars spent, the government should abide by the agreements already in place and stop any further legal maneuvering.

I am self-employed and use Microsoft for my business. Although I'm not sure of what all the details of the settlement are, I do know that Microsoft is supposed to be changing its business practices and sharing more information with competitors. Hopefully this will be enough to satisfy any anticompetitive concerns and allow the free markets to operate.

Sincerely,

Thomas Powers